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Man Charged with Leading Police in Pursuit from Westminster to Venice

A man has been charged after he allegedly led police on a pursuit while wearing a Joker mask, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Damik A. Disdier (dob 3/22/79) of Santa Ana faces one felony count of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly in case SA101012.

Disdier pleaded not guilty to the charge yesterday and is scheduled to return on Aug. 6 in Department 31 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

On July 20, the costumed defendant led police on a pursuit that began in Westminster and finished in Venice when he abandoned his vehicle and walked among beach goers, prosecutors said. During the pursuit, Disdier displayed a prop chainsaw.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of three years in state prison. Bail is set at \$75,000.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, West Los Angeles Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.